

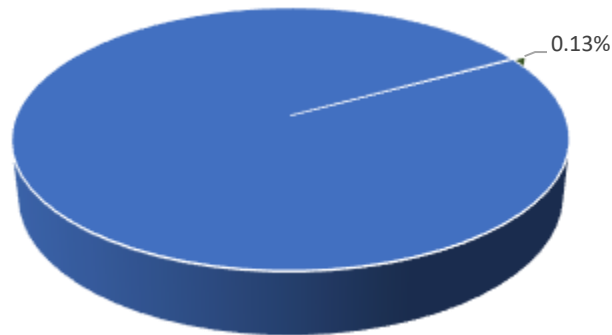
Noroton Fire Department

The Noroton Fire Department is a volunteer fire organization of approximately 40-50 active members that protects the southwestern quadrant of the community. The area served by NFD has an extensive waterfront with mooring and harbor facilities and swimming beaches. Consequently, the NFD provides well-developed marine rescue services. It also offers mutual aid back-up for the other Darien fire departments along with neighboring communities.

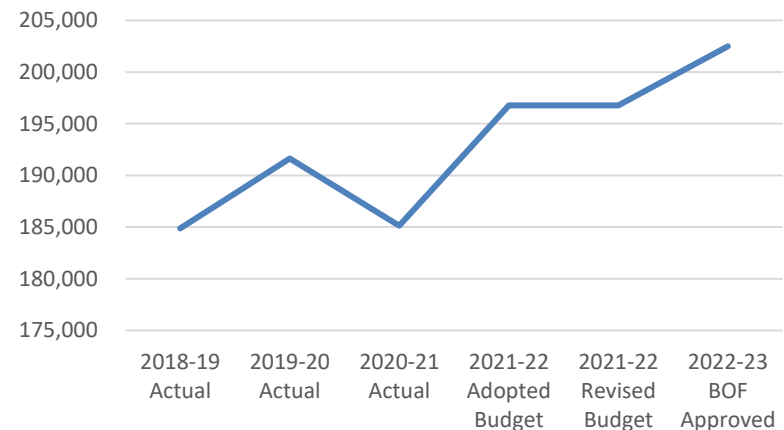
The NFD maintains and operates the following apparatus:

- 2015 Marion Pumper Engine – Engine #31 (In-service 9/2015)
- 1972 Maxim Pumper refurbished in 1986 – Engine #31B
- 1989 Marion Rescue Truck refurbished in 2017 – Rescue #33
- 1989 27' Boston Whaler Fire Boat – Marine Unit #34
- 2020 Sutphen 100' Aerial Ladder Truck – Ladder #30
- 2002 Marion Pumper – Engine #32
- 2013 14 foot Zodiac rescue boat
- 2016 18 foot SeaLegs Amphibious watercraft (Primary operator)

% of Expenditures



Historical Expenditures



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Accomplishments 2020-2021

- With significant concern and care for navigating the COVID-19 Pandemic maintained a fully functional fire department ready to work at a moment's notice.
- Returned to normal recruiting and probationary member training in 2021 as we became more familiar navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Brought on 14 new probationary members.
- Put new Ladder 30 in service, Fall 2020. A long and drawn out process navigating the pandemic
- Continued to run semi-annual in-house driver re-qualification and initial qualification on all apparatus as well as a pump operator class. Added several new drivers and qualified many existing drivers on additional apparatus.
- Had six members complete FF1 certification and two members complete FF2 certification, bolstering our certified interior firefighter number
- Hosted CT Fire Academy class in November 2020
- Approximately 15 members completed a two-day fire behavior & flashover simulator class.

Accomplishments/Objectives 2021-2022

- Celebrated our 125th anniversary of volunteer fire service to the Town of Darien.
- Qualified 3 new drivers FY22 summer.
- NFD purchased and put in service Assistant Chief Car 301 a quick response vehicle to aid a senior officer to respond the scene more quickly and effectively.
- Completed joint training class with Amtrak Fire Department for train emergencies.
- Currently have several members taking EMT initial training, EMT refresher, and EMR refresher training. Hopeful to send a few additional members to EMR initial training.
- In response to several severe storms and in discussion with/ working with the Town's Department of Emergency Management NFD updated and improved a Flood/Severe Storm Response Standard Operating Guideline to better prepare and consistently respond to weather emergencies.
- Continue to recruit and train new members at a reasonable pace. In FY22 we've already brought on 5 new members.
- Continue to emphasize FF1 and FF2 training, as well as other CT Fire Academy classes.

Objectives 2022-2023

- Continue to push member FF1 & FF2 certification, as well as other CT Fire Academy Classes
- Continue to improve our year-round presence of Marine Division on Long Island Sound. NFD Marine trains and is prepared year-round as boaters are on the water all year, besides normal recreational boaters we interact with duck hunters, commercial outfits, as well as being able to provide sea-based support for on-shore fire operations 24/7, 365.

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- Continue to emphasize driver training and qualification on all apparatus
- To enhance response readiness/reduce response times NFD requested Capital funds in FY23 to convert an existing meeting room to a bunk room / workspace to provide a location for members to sleep, especially during storms, while also providing a location for members to work from during the work week to encourage members to be around NFD during the traditional workday. Currently NFD does not have any overnight sleeping quarters or workstations.
- Form committee to begin the process to replace Rescue Pumper E32, originally scheduled for replacement in FY21 on the Fire Commission's Apparatus Replacement Schedule.

Five Year Outlook

- Continue to offer CT Fire Academy classes in Town, making it easier for all 3 Departments' members to take classes.
- Continue to update and improve equipment on apparatus, specifically radios, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, and power tool equipment.
- Redo the apparatus floor, including minor structural repairs and topcoat. Money approved as a capital project in FY22. Commencement of this project waiting on completion of natural gas conversion project that will likely involve demolition of part of the current floor.
- Continue to improve the facilities of the Noroton Fire Dept including industrial cleaning and painting of the apparatus bays.
- Finalize bid specification and put E32 replacement out to bid FY23 or FY24.
- Department continue to investigate and pursue the replacement of MU34 fire rescue boat. At this point department considering financial options.

Expenditures	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Adopted Budget	2021-22 Revised Budget	2022-23 BOF Approved
Contractual Services	124,927	116,095	102,998	108,424	108,424	108,850
Materials & Supplies	41,366	52,030	53,745	60,365	60,365	65,145
Equipment & Facilities	8,582	13,524	18,402	18,000	18,000	18,500
Grants	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total	184,874	191,649	185,145	196,789	196,789	202,495

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Calls ^^	Actual 2016-2017	Actual 2017-2018	Actual 2018-2019	Actual 2019-2020	Actual 2020- 2021*	Projected 2021- 2022*
Fires	13	4	7	7	7	10
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	18	15	16	26	22	25
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	11	21	19	14	49	55
Service Call	6	10	8	11	9	20
Good Intent Call	167	172	182	120	27	35
False Alarm & False Call	85	99	102	105	83	100
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0	5	1	0	10
Total Calls	301	321	339	284	197	255

Performance Measures	Actual 2016-2017	Actual 2017-2018	Actual 2018-2019	Actual 2019-2020	Actual 2020-2021	Projected 2021-2022
Average response time (first unit on scene)	N/A	6:32	6:07	6:15	8:50	8:00
Average member length of service	17.8	12	13	12	11	11
Average attendees per drill	13.1	16	14	10**	14**	16
Percent of members with minimum of EMR certification	25%	35%	40%	43%	38%	40%
Number of members that are Interior Rated	34	40	40	42	47	48
Target number of members that are Interior Rated	35	40	40	40	40	40

^^ New report software being used by the Fire Marshal's office generates call data differently, these are the call types as broken out in Emergency Reporting Software

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* Alarm numbers significantly lower in FY22 as the three fire departments extended the temporarily changed automatic daytime aid to help decrease the chance of exposure to COVID-19 from all being at the same potential exposure (call) at once. Project late FY22 return to normal levels, in process now. FY23 numbers project back to Pre-pandemic levels

** Drill avg. attendees down due to planned smaller group training during COVID-19 pandemic, as well as closed drills w/ finite attendee allowance

*** Drill avg. attendees is projected to go back to normal levels after end of COVID-19 and return to normal training during FY21 and full return FY22